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| In re: | Patent Application of Osamu Nozaki <i>et al.</i> | : Group Art Unit: 1651 : : : |
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| Appln. No.: | 10/649,471 | : Examiner: David M. Naff : : |
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| For: | METHOD AND DEVICE FOR DETERMINATION OF HYDROGEN PEROXIDE IN BODY FLUID | : Attorney Docket : No. 9948-6US : (PAA-268) |

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 14, 2006 (Paper No. 20060310, hereinafter referred to as “the Office Action”), in the above-referenced application. This response is being timely filed on or before the expiration of the shortened statutory period for response which is set to expire on April 14, 2006.

The Restriction Requirement

In the Office Action, the Examiner requires an election between two inventions as follows:

Group I (claims 1, 2 and 4-10), directed to methods for determining hydrogen peroxide in a body fluid; and

Group II (claim 3), directed to devices for determining hydrogen peroxide in a body fluid.

Provisional Election

Although not necessarily agreeing with the Examiner's reasons for restriction, Applicants provisionally elect Group II (claim 3) for initial examination in this application, without traverse.

Early examination and a Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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